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**PATENT**

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Application of

Applicant : Richard J. Meckstroth  
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Title : DUAL FRICTION SURFACE ASYMMETRIC DAMPED TENSIONER  
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**RESPONSE**

Response to Office action dated September 19, 2006. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,863,631. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. In submitting the Terminal Disclaimer Applicant makes no admission regarding the appropriateness of the double patenting rejection and reserves the right to argue that any claim of this application is patentably distinguishable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,863,631 or any combination of such patent with any other piece of art. This